

April 29 Planning agenda item 8.1 for Hamilton Drive Luxury Estate Houses
Dear Planning Committee,

Below is a screengrab from the City's social media last week praising Hamilton's efforts to increase forest canopy, and highlighting the importance of woodlots. Forestry staff's efforts are truly laudable and Council is to be commended for approving Hamilton's Urban Forest Strategy to increase our tree canopy to 40%. However, there appears to be a disconnect. This is Arbor Week and Planning staff recommend you **approve** a plan to send 632 urban trees to the chipper (56 of them with heritage status) to build 17 luxury estate houses on an Ancaster forest.


Please vote against this application. Hamiltonians are experiencing the effects of an affordable housing crisis, the climate crisis, and biodiversity crisis.


Who exactly would benefit from this proposal billed by Elite Developments as "Rosewood - Estate Homes on oversized lots"? I believe the only winners would be Elite Developments - and the out of town millionaire buyers these luxury homes would attract.

Hamiltonians need affordable homes, built more densely in already urbanized areas, for Hamiltonians. Not nature-busting luxury houses for the elite.

Thank you for your time.
Ethan Patterson



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cityofhamilton Today is #ArborDay in Ontario, which marks the kickoff to Arbor Week (April 25 – May 4). These days are observed as a way to highlight the importance of trees in our community and environment. This Arbor Day, the City of Hamilton wants to share the many ways trees improve and shape our neighbourhoods. To support our trees, dedicated City staff care for and increase tree cover to ensure Hamilton's future landscape is a greener one.




- Trees and woodlots across our City mitigate flooding, improve human health, provide wildlife habitat, and combat CO2 emissions.
- Under the Urban Forest Strategy (UFS), the City has set an ambitious goal of growing our urban canopy cover to 40% by 2050.
- Forestry staff have increased tree planting, improved maintenance and pest management, and limits impacts to trees from development.

To learn more about the Urban Forest Strategy, visit our website. Link in bio.

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